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WANTED TO DIVERT THE PUBLIC'S ATTENTION TO SYRIA'S
 MILITARY MIGHT, IN ORDER TO HEAT UP THE SYRIAN BORDER
 AND MAKE THE NATION FORGET THE ACUTE DOMESTIC PROBLEMS."

4. THE JORDANIAN STRIKE FORCE:

A) WASHINGTON CORRS. HIGHLIGHT "THE DEATH BLOW" DEALT TO
 THE PLAN TO CREATE A JORDANIAN COMMANDO FORCE, FOLLOWING
 THE DECISION OF THE SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE TO
 STRIKE THE 200 MILLION DOLLARS REQUESTED BY THE
 ADMINISTRATION FOR A "SECRET PROJECT" OFF THE PENTAGON'S
 BUDGET. ACCORDING TO HA'ARETZ CORR. UZI BENZIMAN, THE
 COMMITTEE'S DECISION IS SEEN AS AN "ISRAELI VICTORY."
 BENZIMAN ALSO REPORTS THAT THE ADMINISTRATION IS
 THINKING ABOUT CREATING A SIMILAR FORCE IN EGYPT.

5. THE LAVIE ISSUE:

A) MAARIV WRITER YOSEF HARIF REPORTS THAT "UNDER
 SECRETARY OF STATE EAGLEBURGER YESTERDAY INFORMED PRIME
 MINISTER SHAMIR THAT PRESIDENT REAGAN HAS RESOLVED TO
 LET ISRAEL USE MILITARY ASSISTANCE MONEY FOR THE
 DEVELOPMENT OF THE LAVIE JETFIGHTER." THIS, WRITES THE
 MAARIV CORR., IS MEANT TO DEMONSTRATE "PRESIDENT
 REAGAN'S DECISION TO DEEPEN U.S.-ISRAELI COOPERATION."

B) MAARIV WASH. CORR. ODED GRANOT REPORTS THAT "THE
 CONGRESSIONAL APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE YESTERDAY
 APPROVED ISRAEL'S REQUEST TO USE AT LEAST 300 MILLION
 DOLLARS OF THE MILITARY ASSISTANCE MONEY FOR THE
 DEVELOPMENT AND PRODUCTION OF THE LAVIE." CORR. GRANOT
 ADDS THAT "ADMINISTRATION OFFICIALS INDICATED THAT THEY
 ARE GOING TO FIGHT THE DECISION, AND THAT THEY MIGHT

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EVEN CONSIDER A BAN ON THE TRANSFER TO ISRAEL OF THE TECHNOLOGY NEEDED FOR THE PRODUCTION OF THE TAIL AND WING COMPONENTS OF THE LAVIE."

C) ON THE OTHER HAND, HA'ARETZ FRONTPAGES WASH. CORR. UZI BENZIMAN'S REPORT THAT "THE ARAB LOBBY IN THE U.S. CONGRESS HAS KILLED AN ATTEMPT BY THE CONGRESSIONAL APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE TO FORCE THE ADMINISTRATION TO EARMARK FUNDS FOR THE PRODUCTION OF THE LAVIE."

D) HA'ARETZ COMMENTATOR AVRAHAM SCHWEITZER SINCERELY THANKS SECRETARY OF DEFENSE WEINBERGER FOR HIS "SYSTEMATIC ANTI-LAVIE POLICY. LET US HOPE HE KEEPS UP THIS LINE," WRITES THE HA'ARETZ COMMENTATOR "AND SAVES US THE MILLIONS OF DOLLARS WE NEED FOR OBJECTIVES MUCH MORE IMPORTANT THAN THIS ALMOST WORTHLESS PROJECT."

6. THE NEXT U.S. ENVOY TO THE M-E: WASHINGTON CORRS. REPORT THAT THE PRESIDENT IS ABOUT TO ANNOUNCE THE APPOINTMENT OF DONALD RUMSFELD AS A SUCCESSOR TO ROBERT MCFARLANE. ISRAEL RADIO CORR. RAZI BARKAI CHARACTERIZED RUMSFELD'S PAST ATTITUDE TOWARD ISRAEL AS "FAIR AND CORDIAL." PETERSEN.
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